

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please add the following text before page 1, line 1 and after the title:

Background of the Invention

1. Technical Field

Please add the following text after page __, line __:

2. Related Art

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Summary of the Invention

Please add the following text after page __, line __:

Brief Description of the Drawings

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Please add the following text on the line after "CLAIMS:" and prior to claim 1, on page

What is claimed is:--

On page 7, please amend the abstract as follows:

A device according to the invention, for reading and/or writing information from
from/onto an optical information carrier (1), the device comprising ~~comprises~~ read means (2)
including an imager means (21, 22, 23) for imaging a radiation beam (24) ~~so as to form a~~ into
scanning spot (11) ~~with which~~ to scan the information carrier, (1) ~~is scanned~~ and including
~~detection means (26)~~ a detector for generating a read signal (S_{L3}) ~~which is~~ indicative of the

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intensity of the radiation reflected from the information carrier (1) at the location of the scanning spot (11). The device has an information transfer mode, wherein ~~in which~~ the scanning spot (11) is moved in a first direction (R1) ~~with respect to the information carrier (1)~~. The device further has a displacement mode, wherein ~~in which~~ the scanning spot (11) is moved in a second direction (R2) transverse to the first direction (R1). The device includes a controller ~~control means~~ (40; 41) for controlling the imager ~~imaging means~~ (21, 22, 23) in response to a measurement signal (FE) ~~which is~~ indicative of the degree of focusing of the radiation beam (24) ~~at the location of the scanning spot (11)~~. The ~~control means~~ controller samples and holds ~~include sample and hold means~~ (40) for ~~sampling and holding~~ the measurement signal (FE) in response to a sample signal (S_{ENTRE}). ~~According to the invention the device is characterized in that the sample signal (S_{ENTRE}) causing causes~~ the measurement signal (FE) to be sampled when the said intensity is comparatively high. ~~This measure reduces radial to vertical~~ thus reducing radial-to-vertical crosstalk.

In the Drawings

NC Please revise the drawings in accordance with the Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections attached hereto. In the drawings, Figure 1 has been amended for clarification by the addition of labels to the blocks (40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 50, 60, 63, and 70).